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FSD earns ISO 9001:2000 registration

By Rob L. Jackson
BARSTOW LOG staff

In March 2002 Fleet Support Division Barstow began what it thought would be a long journey down the road to International Organization for Standardization registration.

That trek ended recently when FSD cleared its final audit by an independent registrar and received its ISO 9001:2000 registration. By becoming ISO-registered the organization is just one more added to a list of about 400,000 organizations worldwide to receive certification.

"We've been at this for just under 14 months and managed to get registered within a third of the time than

any other organization in the Marine Corps," said Maj. Vincent Applewhite, director, Fleet Support Division. "Management worked with the employees to get this accomplished, and it's a remarkable accomplishment."

Even more remarkable, said Applewhite, is that FSD accomplished this feat while supporting operational forces in Iraq.

"Operational tempo had gone up tremendously," he said, "and we didn't drop our guard because of what we were doing for ISO; it was actually making us better and faster."

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO), based in Geneva, Switzerland, is a network of

national standards institutes of about 140 countries. ISO developed the 9000 series of quality management systems, which applies to all types of businesses and organizations no matter how large or small, according to the ISO Web site.

"What they've done is create a standard that goes through everything from management responsibility, training, internal auditing, development of the product, and procedures for carrying out the product," Applewhite explained. "If you have these elements in your organization, then you will be defined as a quality organization, or you will be able to meet the quality standards of the customer."

ISO 9000 is concerned with "qual-

ity management." This means what the organization does to enhance customer satisfaction by meeting customer and applicable regulatory requirements and continually to improve its performance in this regard, according to iso.org.

"In the case of FSD we have a broad range of customers," said the FSD director. "Overall, FSD's customers are operational forces west of the Mississippi, to include Okinawa. Locally, FSD supports the Maintenance Center, MCLB, and Fort Irwin – the Army rotations coming through here – we do have some deliveries to Fort Irwin, and finally the City of Barstow."

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MCLB to jump on board with NMCI

By Sgt. Joseph Lee
BARSTOW LOG staff

Electronic Data Systems Corporation will assume responsibility of all Navy and Marine Corps computer workstations aboard MCLB Barstow July 1, under the Navy Marine Corps Intranet contract.

The assumption of responsibility is the first official step in MCLB Barstow becoming a part of NMCI, according to Susan Louis, lead customer technical representative at the base communications division. The AOR gives EDS Corp., the contractor, control over the computer systems as they are.

NMCI will ultimately link voice, video and data communications at more than 300 Navy and Marine Corps installations.

Approximately 60 to 90 days after AOR, the network will "cutover" and the local network will be under the complete control of EDS with all of their standards and control measures in place. A 1-800 number will be given out to make trouble calls to EDS at this time. The EDS technicians will access the system from a remote location to solve the technical issue.

According to Louis, individual systems will be loaded with what is called the "gold disk" sometime between

AOR and cutover. This disk will overwrite all programs currently on the system, and will rewrite to the system with basic operating programs such as Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, and Norton AntiVirus, but will also include Web plug-ins that are up to speed with current Web technology such as MacroMedia's Flash Player 5.0 and Shockwave 8.0.

At this point the computer user will be "locked out" of the system and have no administrative access to the system whatsoever, according to Louis.

"After the initial software is loaded, any version updates or upgrades will be automatically and remotely downloaded from the EDS system," said Louis.

Everyone who uses an application that is not on the gold disk, needs to first ensure that it is on the list of approved and certified programs, said Louis. These programs are referred to as "Legacy" programs. Then they need to submit the program name and a valid license number to the Communications Division via their section or department representative to be ordered through the system.

"This needs to happen as soon as possible," said Louis. "If it is not a certified program, and it has not been

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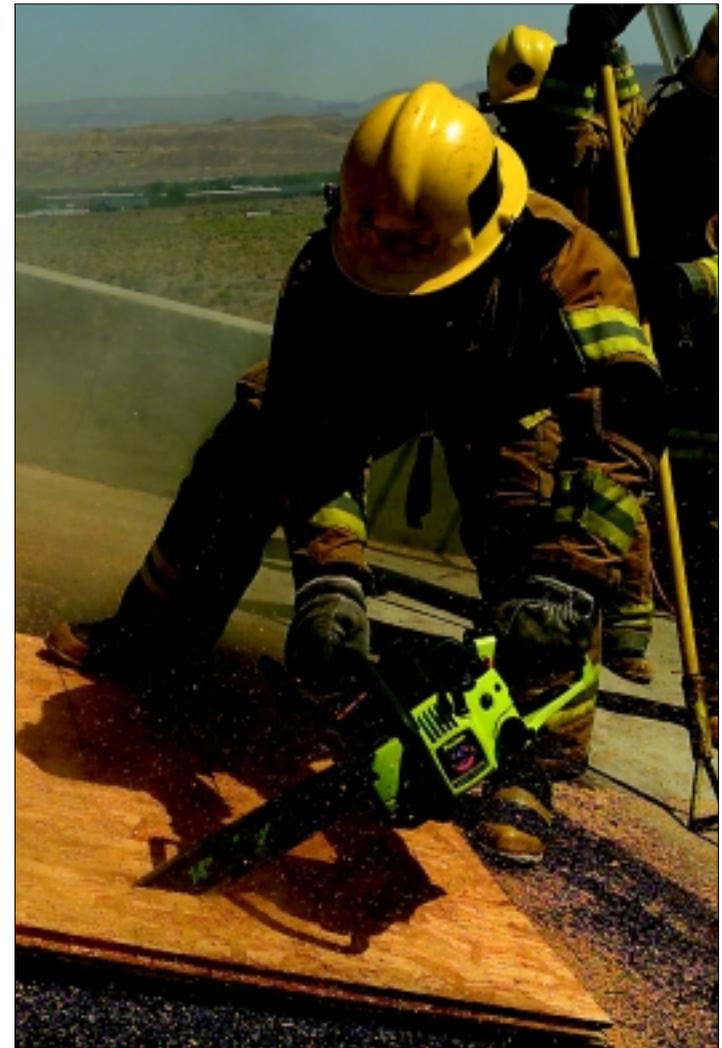
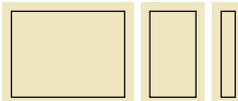


Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

A Victor Valley Fire Academy student uses a chain saw to open an escape route for trapped smoke and flammable gas that has been building up inside the simulated home May 22 at the Fire and Emergency Services Division Training Site here. See Page 8 for related story and photos.

The Commander's Forum



The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the base commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via e-mail to Forumc@barstow.usmc.mil.

Submission guidelines

The Commander's Forum is used to keep the work force informed, to explain why things are they way they are or appear to be, and, when possible, to correct situations or make improvements.

Every Commander's Forum call or e-mail is researched, even if it is not published in the Barstow Log. If "callers" identify themselves, they will receive a response.

It is a valuable two-way communication channel through which people may address concerns they're not able to resolve through the normal chain of command.

The key to having a question and its response published in the BARSTOW LOG is that the it be specific and address things that may impact a significant amount of the base employees or tenants.

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The subject of patrons parking in front of the store while filling water bottles has been addressed in the

past. We decided to allow patrons to park next to the building for the sole

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Q "Others and myself are really having a hard time trying to get help from the Seven Day Store to purchase water from the Glacier Water Machine located outside the front of the store.

On one occasion, when I parked next to the water machine (because I have small children) the lady working inside the store came out and said I couldn't

park there and that I would have to park in the parking lot and she would have someone come out and watch my children while I filled my container. When I did this the lady said they didn't have anyone available to watch my children.

On another occasion, the person working inside the store said I could use a shopping cart to put my water container in, but when I went to get the cart they said they didn't have any available.

My husband was unable to assist me at these times, which has made it difficult for me to get water.

My question is can the water machine be moved to an area that can be better accessed, so we can park in front of the current location of the machine so we can keep an eye on our children and don't have to rely on someone from inside the store?"

Good vines bear good fruit

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



I recently returned from a funeral for a dear friend of mine; actually she helped to raise my brother and me.

Mrs. Harper acted as our maternal guardian and my brother and I counted her as a second

mother. We were not alone in feeling her mother's tenderness toward us; there were many other "daughters and sons" whose lives she touched.

I bring this up because it coincides somewhat with the readings that I looked through today. The reading was from Psalm 80 and the writer spoke about how a vine planted grew and spread and bore fruit.

All good things from the writer's perspective; however in the scripture story the walls that had been built around the vines had been broken down so that anyone could come by and pick the fruit and even the animals had been grazing among the vineyard.

This story made me think of what happened at the funeral. I received word and made arrangements to fly back for the funeral.

When I arrived at the funeral I was astounded to see almost the entire youth group from the church we had attended growing up. It was a small church to be sure, but the youth group was vibrant and filled with enthusiasm.

As I looked around the room my mind raced back to the days of my youth and I thought of all the fun we had as children and teens growing up together.

The same people that I had grown up with had now become adults and had children of their own. They had lives that were full of meaning and success and love. It must have been 25 years since I had seen most of them, some longer yet I knew them in an instant.

What was good about this meeting was that after talking with them the bulk of them had been all over the world and had been in just about every place you would care to visit. They all had gainful employment and each had been able to make their way back to the funeral.

It was fascinating and made me ask why? Why were all of us basically successful people? What had managed to bring us all together again after such a long time? I think I came to the answer after reading the Psalm today.

We were at that place in our lives because someone tended to us early and often in our

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Pfc. Andy Hurt

Carmen I. Cordova, payroll technician at the budget office, checks some files at her desk. Cordova has been at the budget office for about three months.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services before Mass

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call 577-6849.

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the Chapel Office.

For more info call 577-6849.



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News Briefs

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Thursdays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

Today – Beef stir fry (Family Restaurant only).

Friday – Three piece fish.

Monday – Chicken tenders.

Tuesday – Hot open face turkey sandwich.

Wednesday – Breaded pork chops.

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, including civilians \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to Noon. Cactus Cafe serves hamburgers, subs, salads and other line items available for walk in lunch – for other Family Restaurant lunch menu items, call in orders before 9:30 a.m. to the Family Restaurant at 577-6428.

Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Prices: Active duty military \$1.60, all others \$3.25.

Family Night Dining

Tonight is "Pearl of the Orient Night." Pancit with pork, chicken adobo, beef Lumpia, tossed green salad, friut ambrosia made the oriental way for dessert, plus a fountain drink of choice.

Tees n' Trees specials

Half price green fees to all active duty personnel through the end of

May.

Breakfast Club Special - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to noon, green fees: \$5 for 9 holes, \$8 for 18 holes.

Call for details 577-6431. Tees n' Trees golf course is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to dusk.

Baby Sitter Training

The Child Development Center will offering American Red Cross babysitter training June 11 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in building 372 (CDC). The cost is \$15 for the book and certification. Register at CDC by close of business June 9.

For more information call Grace Wall at 577-6049/6287.

Barstow Rodeo Queen Buckle Run

There will be a buckle run May 31 at the Barstow Rodeo Grounds in Yermo.

Sign ups will be held at 9 a.m. and the run will start at noon. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division, with a buckle going to the first place finisher.

For more information, call Cheryl Parris at 949-6888.

Pools now open

The Family Pool and the Oasis Club Pool are open. The normal hours for the pools will be Tuesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The pools will be open for lap swimming Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New ATM locations

There are now three Pacific Marine Credit Union ATMs aboard MCLB Barstow. The one at Nebo is located on the side of the Super Seven Day Store.

The other two are at the Yermo Annex. One is located in Building 573 and the other is at the Railhead Exchange.

Base Web site updated

The MCLB Barstow Web site at <https://www.barstow.usmc.mil>, has



been updated to give visitors and MCLB Barstow residents a more comprehensive view of the base. To find out more, access the site.

Cajon Pass Construction

The California Department of Transportation began constructing a 6-mile truck-climbing lane May 7 on northbound Interstate 15 near the junction of State Route 138 to south of Oak Hill Road.

Work hours for northbound I-15 will be Mondays through Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 10 a.m., Fridays from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. and Sundays from 8 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Southbound I-15 work hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m., Fridays from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m., Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 9

a.m. and Sundays from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. The project is slated for completion in winter of 2004.

Bridge Repair

The California Department of Transportation will rehabilitate bridge deck pavement, bridge approaches and departures on 39 bridges along a 39-mile segment of Interstate 40.

Traffic may encounter lane closures through the work area. The construction zone may have one lane closed in each direction. Lane closure lengths will vary from ½ to 3 miles. Some short-term ramp closures will occur within the immediate bridge construction areas. Work days/hours on the project will be Mondays through Thursdays to include 24-hour lane closures.

The bridge rehabilitation project is expected to be complete in summer of 2004.

Enlisted Essay Contest

Sept. 1 is the deadline for the annual Enlisted Essay Contest, sponsored by the Naval Institute and Booz Allen Hamilton.

The contest is open to active, reserve, and retired enlisted personnel from any service and country. Essays may address any subject relevant to military service, and winning essays are published in the February 2004 issue of Proceedings magazine. Maximum length is 2,500 words.

First prize is worth \$1,500, second prize gets \$1,000, and third gets

\$500. The topic is any subject relevant to military service.

Additional contest details are available at <http://www.navalinstitute.org>.

Naval Intelligence Essay Contest

July 1 is the deadline for the annual Naval Intelligence Essay Contest, co-sponsored by the Naval Intelligence Foundation, the Naval Intelligence Professionals, and the Naval Institute.

The winner is published in the January issue of Proceedings magazine, receives \$1,000, a five-year membership in the Naval Intelligence Professionals, and up to three Naval Institute Press books.

The contest is open to anyone, and essays may be on any subject pertaining to naval intelligence or intelligence support to naval or maritime forces. Maximum length is 3,500 words. Additional contest details are available at <http://www.navalinstitute.org>.

Scuba diving certification

A basic, open-water dive certification course is being offered for anyone over 15 years old who is interested in scuba diving.

Cost will not include books and essential snorkeling equipment (mask, fins, snorkel, gloves). Certification takes between two to six weeks depending on instructor/student availability.

If interested, or for more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Michael A. Bonilla at 577-6668 or bonillama@barstow.usmc.mil.

Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-214-03-NR	Electronics Worker WG-2604-08	05-08-03	05-29-03	05-12-03	MCLB Barstow
DEU-221-03-NR	Office Automation Clerk GS-0326-04	05-16-03	06-02-03	05-20-03	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit résumés online at the following Web sites: <http://www.donbr.navy.mil> and/or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding open continuous announcements go to <http://www.donbr.navy.mil>

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357, 577-6279, or 577-6481.

This is not an official list. See the Web sites listed for a complete list.

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According to Applewhite, the goal of the International Organization for Standardization is to standardize everything, such as what a double "A" battery's size should be, to camera film to ensure the film purchased works in the camera an individual may have no matter what the make is.

"In order for commerce to work you need to have standards," he said. "Without standards there's no way we would be able to exchange information, or to function effectively.

"If you want to compete in the global market, you pretty much have to be ISO registered. It made [FSD] a quality organization that can compete in today's market with some of the best companies in the world."

Applewhite noted that being registered has tremendous benefits. Particularly worth noting about ISO 9001:2000 is that everything is performance driven.

The organization has a management meeting monthly where it addresses the results of the previous month's decisions. From there decisions are made regarding where FSD plans to move from there and are recorded, and this is how the quality management process begins.

"From this process we establish a quality manual which states what we are and what our quality management systems contains," Applewhite said. "We map out our processes and we have in the neighborhood of 19 standard procedures. Those standard procedures include everything from document control, non-conforming product, corrective actions, preventive actions and internal audits."

Continuing with the steps in the quality management system, the FSD director highlighted the fact from these procedures they've developed roughly 80 work instructions that tells an employee exactly what needs to be done, and they receive training on those instructions at least once a week.

Now FSD has developed a regular training program internal to its organization to keep employees informed about current procedures, and if any employee wants to see what they have to do or what someone else has to do all they have to do is go to FSD's Web site and get it.

"It brings up their work instructions which tells them who does what and how it needs to be done. It has references, points of contact, it spells out everything," Applewhite revealed. "That empowers the employee because now the employees know, and our strength is our employees."

One of the key strengths to this whole process is every FSD employee is empowered to make a change to anything that needs it, according to the director. This can be done through a corrective action report submittal or a non-conformance report, and once a report is submitted management must respond to the inquiry.

Another key item is communication from the top to the employees, which is done through an all-hands meeting.

"The one thing that binds us together is that quality policy, which states what we're all about in our organization," Applewhite said. "Three key things stay in our employees' minds: Our ear to the customer, eye on detail, and focus on quality."

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submitted to us and our ordering system, it will not be loaded onto the computer."

Additionally required hardware must be identified as well, said Louis, because if there is a driver that needs to be installed to operate the needed piece of gear, it needs to be loaded by EDS as well.

According to Charles Casperson, EDS site transition manager, when the gold disk is loaded onto the individual system, all approved and certified software programs and hardware drivers authorized for the individual's workstation will be loaded at that time.

"After cutover, the individual computers will be under the total control of EDS," said Louis. "Meaning, popular programs such as

Webshots or other unnecessary and unapproved programs will not be able to be loaded onto individual computers by the user."

According to Casperson, the individual systems will have standardized screen savers and energy-saving functions that will not be modifiable by the user.

After MCLB Barstow is functionally working under the NMCI system, any new software or hardware needed by the user must be requested through the Communications Division via the section or division representa-

Editor's Note:

More information on NMCI and approved Legacy programs can be found at <https://www.nmciinfo.usmc.mil>.

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purpose of filling their water containers. The issue is when patrons park there and come in the store to shop while their water containers are filling. This creates a safety concern as the area can become congested with parked cars and those waiting in the service station lines.

When patrons pull up to fill up their water containers, the Super Seven Staff will not go outside to run patrons off, rather when the customer parks and comes into the store

they are asked to park their vehicles in the designated parking spaces before coming into the store to shop.

While the Super Seven store does not have shopping carts for customers, we do have a couple that are used to move merchandise around the loading dock. If a customer asks for assistance carrying bottles, a sales associate will provide one of the shopping carts.

MCCS will post a sign that clearly designates a parking space next to the building for those patrons who are only refilling water bottles.

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"We're always listening to the customer; we're always paying attention to the quality of what we're doing."

Now, the employees have been trained and know how to do a particular job because procedures are established and everyone has access to the procedures. From this step the system is looked at and results are monitored.

According to Applewhite every statistic links back to a quality objective that meets the attempt of the organization.

"Once we do that, looked at the data, then we're obligated to analyze the data and come up with a recommendation from it," he said. "That's posted throughout the organization. We then go back to the employees to ensure they understand it, and most of them can tell you exactly what that data is for and where they fit into making that number."

One of the main cogs in the whole ISO effort is Carlos Arriola, the management representative. In this capacity he speaks for the director, coordinates all the audits, follows up on all corrective actions, and oversees the management meetings. He is the eyes and ears of the organization at all times, Applewhite revealed.

"Of particular note are the audi-

tors we have," he said. "All employees, everyone from warehousemen to laborers, supervisors, to include myself, are trained auditors. FSD has about 40 trained auditors, everyone is trained."

With this in mind FSD is constantly checking its processes to ensure its employees are trained and to ensure that the employees are doing what they say they're doing.

"The key is this: Say what you do and do what you say," Applewhite commented.

Only after the organization conducted its own internal audits and felt satisfied with the results was an outside auditor called in. The result of the registrar's audit is sent before a review panel and at the end of that review the registrar returns to the organization to grant it the certification and put the organization on the rolls of world class internationally standardized organizations, Applewhite said.

"At this point it's remarkable what [FSD] has done," said Applewhite. "They've done it on their own because this is their quality system; the employees own the quality system."

"As I often say to them, 'we've come across a long journey, we've crossed the ocean over to quality and we're not going back. We've burned our ships; there is no going back.' Quality is our mission and our mission is quality."



Photo by Pfc. Andy Hurt

MCLB Barstow Marines, dressed as civilians, "protest" the National Guard occupation of Colusa, an imaginary country, as part of the Civilian on the Battlefield (COBS) training. National Guard units from across America are utilizing MCLB Barstow throughout the completion of a Theater Opening Force Module (TOFM) exercise.

Program for child care services in housing in effect

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
Editor

One problem families may run into at MCLB Barstow is their child care needs may not be able to be met.

The Child Development Center is at full capacity at most of the age groups it serves and the waiting lists are quite long as well.

A program is in place to help alleviate this problem. Families in base housing can provide child care by passing an inspection board and receiving training provided by the CDC.

"Basically you need to have a military sponsor, be 18 years of age and read and speak English well," said Grace Walls, training and curriculum director for the CDC. "You will also need an FBI background check."

To be able to have a day care service, the applicant needs to have an interview with Walls and then go through 30 hours of training, which Walls said takes about a week.

The classes cover everything from making creative curriculum to book-keeping, said Walls. The CDC will

also help the child care provider get insurance, which can be attained at a reasonable rate through the military, said Walls.

The house where the care will be taking place also needs to be inspected for such things as fire hazards and health risks, said Walls.

The CDC has also set up a lending library to provide child care providers in housing with materials so they don't have to buy it themselves, said Walls.

"We have books, toys, cribs, music tapes and lots of other things that we can lend out to help the child care providers," said Walls.

There is one child care provider already in housing, said Walls. Gwendolyn Thomas is setting up a service and does not yet have a full roster of children in her program. Her phone number is 252-8007.

To become part of this program, call Grace Walls at 577-6049, or come to the CDC to pick up an application. Walls said there are applications at the reception desk at the CDC in case she is not available.

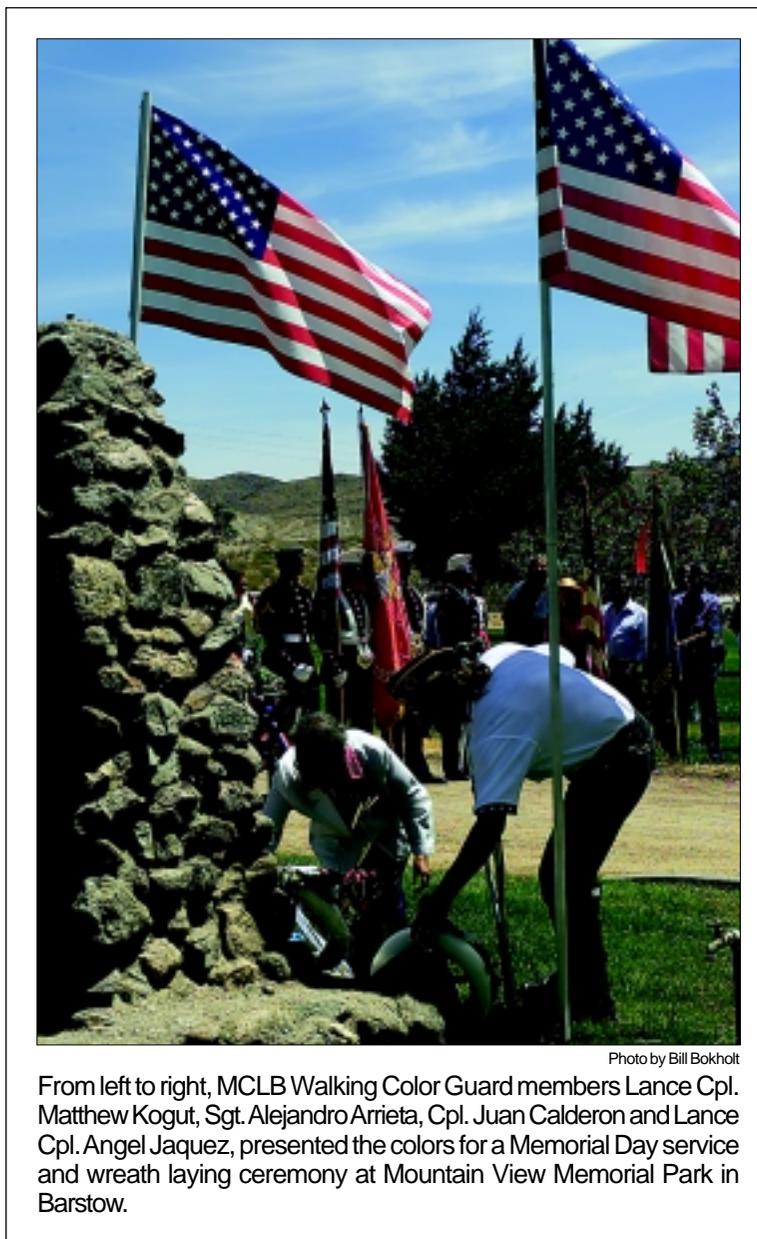


Photo by Bill Bokholt

From left to right, MCLB Walking Color Guard members Lance Cpl. Matthew Kogut, Sgt. Alejandro Arrieta, Cpl. Juan Calderon and Lance Cpl. Angel Jaquez, presented the colors for a Memorial Day service and wreath laying ceremony at Mountain View Memorial Park in Barstow.

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lives and helped us to learn simple things like the value of caring for each other and the need to get an education so that we could be gainfully employed.

The power of love and the character to treat ourselves with respect kept any of us from unwanted pregnancies and led us to lifelong commitments with those for whom we cared deepest. It was not difficult to surmise the process that had taken place.

The wall of care that Mrs. Harper built around us was never left untended, our fruit was never picked out of season, thus our lives were never ravaged the way that many others around us had been. The lesson here is that parents and surrogate parents can make a significant difference in the lives of our youth.

We can "adopt" children the way that Mrs. Harper did and tend the young vines keeping them protected behind the wall of care that we offer. Is it a high price to pay? Of course it is. It will cost us time and money to take care of youth, but if you wish to see the results of children who have not been tended you need but watch the news.

Children are the future, let's invest in them early and reap the benefits.

Peace,
Fr Randel

Personal Services Division offers professional counseling

By Pfc. Andy Hurt
BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB Barstow's Personal Services Division has recently filled a new full-time position for a personal services counselor.

"I enjoy being a part of the military," said Betty A. Murphy, the new counselor, who added that she especially likes the ideals of the Marine Corps.

Murphy began her counseling career about 10 years ago. When she was working in the "business world," she realized she was better at listening to people's problems than just collecting money.

She then went on to become a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Murphy is one of three counselors at PSD. A personal services counselor

offers mental health counseling, anxiety relief, marriage communications and marriage problems counseling.

Active duty servicemembers get priority if there is a waiting list at PSD, but retirees and their families and civilians are also able to take advantage of the counseling services.

If someone feels that they have a problem and seek counseling, Murphy said that there is an initial evaluation possibly followed by several psychological tests.

After a client's initial visit, PSD's clinical staff determines which counseling service the client needs. When a client has been approved for counseling services, the client may receive up to six counseling sessions if deemed appropriate by the clinical staff. The staff may approve additional sessions if necessary.

Confidentiality is paramount throughout the sessions. However, due to California law and Marine Corps policy, certain cases like elder abuse, spouse abuse and substance abuse must be reported.

Personal services counseling on a Marine Corps base has several tactical advantages, said Murphy.

"In order for a Marine to function well, his mind has to be clear of mental and family problems, so (Marines) don't have to think about them when (Marines) are in the field defending the country," she said.

The PSD office is open on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is located in Building 129.

"Don't hesitate to come down here to talk about problems, or just say hi," said Murphy.



Photo by Rob Jackson

William Boxx, head of the Personal Services Division, speaks with Vernon Taylor (center), head of Lifelong Learning, Headquarters Marine Corps, about services provided at the Base Library, while Francis Villeme (right), MCLB Barstow base education officer looks on. Taylor visited MCLB Barstow May 22 while on an inspection tour of MCAGTFTC Twentynine Palms' library and education facilities.

Victor Valley fire cadets train at MCLB Barstow

Story and photos by Sgt. Joseph Lee
BARSTOW LOG staff

As emergency vehicles rush to the scene, a local family evacuates their two-story suburban home that is quickly filling with toxic fumes, heat and smoke.

A raging kitchen fire, which is spreading through the rest of the home without restraint, flows like a liquid along the ceilings through the hallways, incinerating everything in its path.

But the path of the fire was contained in a certain portion of the home. The family, in a hurry to abandon the house, shut the two doors at each end of the main entrance hallway. As the fire burned up the surrounding rooms of the home, this hallway was untouched by flame, as there was no oxygen to allow the hallway to burn.

Filling up with explosive gasses and thick smoke, the entry to the home was a deathtrap awaiting the firefighters. If the door were opened, the introduced oxygen would create an explosion of heat and flame that would instantly incinerate anything inside the hallway or near the front door.

"We call this event a flashover," said Don Simard, a firefighter with the Fire and Emergency Services Division. "It's one of the most deadly events that firefighters face when fighting these types of fires."

Flashover training was just one part in a series of hands-on training events that the Victor Valley College Fire Academy was led through by Simard and others from the Fire and Emergency Services Division May 22 at the base Fire Training Facility.



Students from Victor Valley College Fire Academy stand back as smoke is expelled out of the simulated home's roof. The positive pressure ventilation process to expell excess smoke and explosive gasses from a home is initiated by forcing air into a lower portion of a home from a high pressure fan.

With the sun beaming down heat in excess of 100 degrees, these fire academy students in their final weeks of training suited up in full gear to demonstrate their mastery of the skills they have learned during the past eight weeks of training.

"The students really enjoy the eighth week of training," said Capt. Rick Davis, firefighter with the Fire and Emergency Services Division. "It's all been course work up until now, so these guys are real excited to get their hands dirty."

Some of the training the students participated in included positive pressure ventilation to evacuate excess toxic fumes and smoke, a

simulated rescue in a series of tunnels filled with smoke, and flashover training.

"Flashover training is really the most enjoyable part for the students," said Simard. "All day long they have been required to put out physically, but in this part they get to see how the fire acts up close and personal."

Up close is right. As the students lay inside a trailer filled with the toxic fumes and smoke, the mixture is introduced to oxygen and ignited. The fire literally fills the room, dancing along the ceiling and crawling along the firefighters' shoulders displaying for the students the livelihood of the untamed flame and the inherent danger that could lurk behind a closed door.



Fire academy students replace a piece of plywood that simulates a rooftop of a home or other burning building.



Firefighter John Shileika supervises students from the fire academy as they experience a flashover. A flashover occurs when flammable gasses trapped in a room suddenly ignite filling the enclosed area with extreme heat and flame, potentially deadly to all those trapped inside.

Around the Corps

Gator rumbles with excitement of home

By Seaman Sean Spratt
USS Saipan

The USS Saipan (LHA 2) was abuzz with the Marine back load - bringing back Marines and their equipment and making necessary preparations for the trip back home.

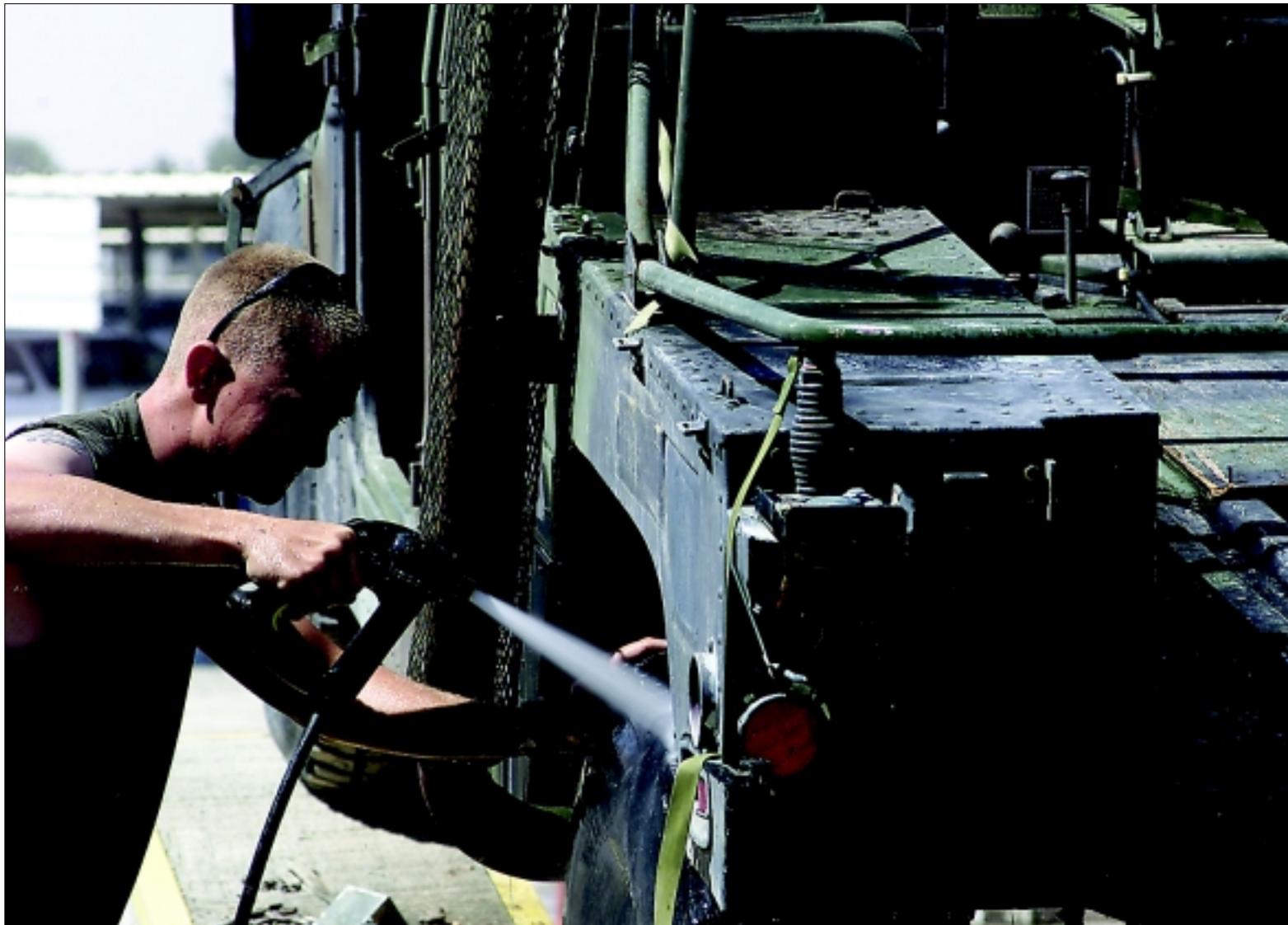
"Back load is a term for the process of bringing back the Marines and cargo from the beach," said the officer in charge of Assault Craft Unit 2 Detachment B Navy Chief Warrant Officer Robin R. Ross about the 12-day back load that finished May 18.

"We're going to get everything back that we sent off initially," explained Ross. "It took some time to receive everything because of the mandatory wash down and the sporadic movement of the Marines."

Another reason for the 12-day timeline was that all the amphibious ships were receiving their Marines and cargo in the same time frame as the Saipan.

Transporting the Marines and cargo from the beach to the Saipan is the responsibility of the Landing Craft Utilities (LCUs).

"We have four LCUs aboard Saipan, which are the main source of transportation for the Marines and cargo to and from the ship," explained Ross. "Each LCU has the capability of carrying three battle ready tanks, 400 battle ready Marines and a total



U.S. Navy photo by Airman Kyle T. Voigt

KUWAIT NAVAL BASE - A Marine washes down a humvee for agricultural inspection before returning to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan (LHA-2) May 6. USS Saipan is deployed in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the multinational coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and end the regime of Saddam Hussein.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel E. Schrubb

AN NASARIYAH, Iraq - Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, seek cover and return fire while battling to clear the Main Supply Route on Route 7, north of An Nasariyah March 25.

Visiting historic Babylon

By Sgt. L.A. Salinas
I Marine Expeditionary Force

Living and working in a place rich in history is just part of the job for Marines, sailors, and soldiers of the First Marine Expeditionary Force. This is the place where Daniel was thrown in a lion's den and saved by God, according to the Old Testament. Where Alexander the Great died and, supposedly, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon stood here once.

Service members are carrying on their daily tasks, whether it is on the flight line, security for the entry control points, or working with the local population to help clean the compound.

Media from various news agencies flock to the camp in hopes of getting a glimpse of one of Saddam's



Photo by Sgt. L.A. Salinas

Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua C. Saniel, hospital corpsman with 9th Communication Battalion Aid Station, attends to Army Maj. Tom S. Kinton, brigade linguist team chief with 358th Civil Affairs, at Camp Babylon, Iraq.

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U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert M. Schalk

AT SEA ABOARD USS SAIPAN (LHA-2) - A logistic vehicle system returns to the amphibious assault ship during the back load of ground forces from Kuwait Naval Base May 17. Saipan is deployed in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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weight of 420,000 pounds in a war-time situation.”

From the beach to the water, the LCUs travel at a speed of 10.5 knots carrying Marines and equipment into the gulf to rejoin Saipan.

Just like the whale swallowing Jonah, Saipan does the same to its LCUs as it takes them into its belly, otherwise known as the well deck. This is where sailors and Marines finish the last leg of the back load.

Before the LCUs enter Saipan, the ship is sunk slightly into the water as the well deck is flooded.

“There are nine primary ballast tanks we fill with seawater in order to lower Saipan,” said Saipan’s damage control assistant, Lt. Cmdr. Jack C. Likens. “The ship sinks a total of 10 feet, which puts 8 feet of water in the well deck.”

According to Likens the ship requires a two-hour pre-ballast in which four tanks are filled with fire main initially sinking Saipan two feet,

bringing the bottom of the well deck even with the water line, which is known as an “assault draft.”

“After the pre-ballast is done, it takes about 20 minutes to sink the ship to full ballast,” explained Likens. “And it takes about an hour to de-ballast the ship, which is done by using air compressors to push the water out of the tanks.”

During the 12-day operation, Saipan executed numerous ballasting and de-ballasting maneuvers to launch and receive LCUs.

“It took a total of five days to actually receive all the equipment and cargo,” said Likens. “But we ballasted all 12 days during the back load process, because we made our LCUs available to other ships in the Amphibious Ready Group to help them load their equipment and cargo.”

With the back load completed and all safely stored away inside the ship, Saipan’s sailors and Marines get ready to ride the waves of the sea toward home.

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former palaces that was off-limits during the dictator's regime. Tours are offered by a local curator and a military chaplain at the nearby Babylon ruins, so military personnel get a chance to see some the culture they may have bypassed on the way to liberating the country.

Most Marines realize the importance of the area to the people, and one in particular realized its value to the world.

"We are here in the cradle of civilization," said 20-year old Lance Cpl. Jeremy R. Harris, crew chief with HMM-165, 3rd Marine Air Wing, from Evergreen, Alabama.

(Left) Local Iraqis ride in the back of a military vehicle back to Al Hillah after working around Camp Babylon, Iraq. In an effort to aid the local economy the First Marine Expeditionary Force Command has hired locals to do work such as gardening, tailoring, hair cuts and laundry service for the military personnel.

(Right) Lance Cpl. Jeremy R. Harris, crew chief with HMM-165, 3rd Marine Air Wing, coordinates the landing of a CH-46 Sea Knight, at Camp Babylon, Iraq. The 20-year old from Evergreen, Ala., is one of many Marines who temporarily reside in the cradle of civilization.



Photo by Sgt. L.A. Salinas



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By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

How MCCS works

In this column last week, the mission of MCCS and how the money generated by MCCS stays at MCCS MCLB, Barstow, was discussed. This week, how MCCS generates money is the topic.

Not all MCCS activities are revenue generating. Only activities such as the Exchange (Super Seven Store and Railhead Exchange), the golf course (Tees n' Trees), and the clubs (Oasis and Enlisted) generate revenue.

On the other hand, activities such as the gym, ITT, the hobby shops, the Bowling Center, the Library, YAC, and CDC are not revenue generating, or at most, minimal revenue generating.

This means that a small percentage of the total MCCS activities offered here, are able to earn sufficient income to support themselves. The

activities that do produce an income not only must support themselves but the other activities as well.

This becomes important when supporting one MCCS activity in turns supports other MCCS activities. What is spent at the Super Seven Store, the Golf course, or the clubs, is also helping the Ceramic Hobby Shop, ITT, the gym or the Library.

All but a small .05 percent of what is spent aboard MCLB Barstow at MCCS stays right here, and is put back into this MCCS Department for the operation of all the activities and services provided to partons here.

Sea World's Hero Salute

Sea World's Hero Salute is offering active duty military and active reservists a free one-day admission through November 11.

The free pass includes as many as four direct dependents. Passes must be obtained through ITT.

For more details call ITT at 577-

6541 or visit <http://www.seaworld.com> for more information.

Universal Studio's Salute

Universal Studio's Military Salute offers all active duty military free unlimited admission from now through December 19. Five family members or friends of each service person will be able to purchase the same unlimited pass for \$39.

Universal Studios also offers specially priced tickets for military retirees as well as DOD civilian employees.

Tickets must be obtained through ITT. For more details call ITT at 577-6541 or visit the Universal Studios Web site at <http://www.universalstudioshollywood.com>.

Father's Day Specials

The Super Seven Store and Railhead Exchange has a Father's Day special through Saturday with 20 percent off regular prices on all men's fragrances.

The Father's Day sale which begins Sunday and continues through June 15 will feature great gifts for dad.

Here are some of the gift ideas: a Remington B/O shaver for \$9.99, a JWIN personal CD player at \$19.99, a JWIN CD/Cassette Boombox just \$19.99, a boxed tool set at 30

percent off the marked price, a 19" barbecue grill with 4 pounds of charcoal, just \$24.99.

Marine Corps Exchange also is featuring a nice selection of gifts for dad under \$20.

The Super Seven Store is open Mondays through Fridays, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for more information.

The Railhead Exchange is open regular hours Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Closed Saturdays and Sunday.

During troop rotation, open Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ceramic Show

The Ceramic Hobby Shop will have a trip to the Ceramic Show in San Bernardino on Saturday, 7 June. The cost is \$14 (trip fee of \$10 and a door fee of \$4). Call 577-6228 to reserve a seat.

There is still time for a Father's Day project. Moms, bring the children down and do a project together - get an early start on the holidays. Great summer time fun together.

The Ceramic Hobby Shop is open Wednesdays through Fridays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 577-6228 for more information.

Disneyland and water parks

Season passes to Disneyland and California Adventure are available at ITT.

The Premium Pass includes 365 days admission to both parks, plus free complimentary parking. The Deluxe Pass includes 320 days pre-selected days to both parks, with option to purchase parking space.

ITT has tickets for the water parks: Soak City, Wild Rivers, Raging Waters, and Wet n' Wild. One day and season pass tickets available. Call ITT for more details at 577-6541.

Disney's Military Salute

At Disneyland/California Adventure theme parks through December 19 all active duty military personnel are offered free three-day passes to both parks, with Disney's Armed Forces Salute.

For complete details and additional discounts, visit their Web site: <http://www.disneyland.com/military>.

1998 HONDA ACCORD: Low miles, loaded, \$10,500, OBO. Call 252-5181.

1994 CHEVY ASTRO VAN: 8 pass, loaded, \$5,500, OBO. Call 252-5181.

1993 TOYOTA CAMRY LE: Moon roof, alloy wheels, air, tinted windows, cruise control, tilt steering approx. 150k miles, \$4,800, OBO. Call 252-7454 or 447-1435.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1984 5th Wheel Alpenlite 19', dual axle, sleeps 4, awning, A/C, heater, shower, hitch incl., xlt. cond., \$3,750 or OBO. Call 253-1200.

MISCELLANEOUS: Prowler Travel Trailer, 24 feet long, sleeps 7, microwave, refrigerator, freezer, A/C, heat, all the necessities, xlt. cond., a must see, \$7,000, OBO, only selling to buy a larger one. Call 256-4873 (8-5), or 253-2677 AWH.

BOATS: 1980 pleasure boat, 14' with trailer, 75 HP motor, boat cover, bimini top, seats four, also fish finder, plus extras, \$3,600. Call 252-4089.

MISCELLANEOUS: Four Eagle alloy 143, 16X10 wheels, 8 lugs, center caps, \$400. Call 253-2858, ask for Domingo.

MISCELLANEOUS: Microwave oven sharp, \$25; game table \$60; Akai reel to reel 4 channel, \$200 with remote chord; Nintendo game box \$40; super Nintendo portable game kit, \$50. Call 252-7789.

MISCELLANEOUS: Wooden coffee table with wood center and beveled glass on each side, bottom shelf also wood, very good condition, real wood, \$50. Call 256-4873 (8-5), or 253-2677 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: EZ Up Dome Tent 8x12 nearly new, \$100; Mizuno baseball glove MPM 1251, 12 1/2 inches, xlt. cond., \$35; tires LT 215-85-R16, \$20, P185-70-R14, \$15, and P175-70-R13, \$10. Call 252-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: Women's Golf set, great starter set, comes with bag, tee's, balls, clubs are in xlt. cond. (putter included), for right-handed golfer, great deal, \$100. Call 760-486-4234 ask for Mary.

MISCELLANEOUS: EZ Up Dome tent 8 x12 nearly new, \$100; RV/truck tires, Michelin, LTX 235-85-R16, \$40. each. Call 256-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: Children's computer desk with file cabinet and chair, \$40 OBO. Call 256-1914.

MISCELLANEOUS: Chevy 350 aluminum two quad manifold, \$110; new golf clubs, bag and accessories, \$125; older Volkswagen, mag rims, \$55; aluminum awning for car port or patio, \$110; Ford Ranger tailgate, \$55; push bumper with brush guard and winch mount, \$145; small cross bed truck tool box, \$25; Honda Civic, 1986 clean body and interior, needs engine, \$1000. Call 254-1913.

WANTED: Honda or Acura car or car parts. Call 254-1913.

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